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1. THE VISIT TO THE FRG BY BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT ERNESTO GEISEL RECEIVED ONLY MODERATE PLAY IN WEST GERMAN MEDIA, WITH PRESS, RADIO AND TV MOST OFTEN RELEGATING THE STORY TO SECOND-RANK SIGNIFICANCE. WHERE COMMENTARIES APPEARED THEY USUALLY LINKED THE VISIT TO THE CURRENT DISCUSSION OF BONN-WASHINGTON RELATIONS, RECALLING THAT THE UNITED STATES OPPOSED THE FRG'S DELIVERY OF CERTAIN SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES TO BRAZIL.

2. VERY FEW COMMENTATORS OPPOSED THE GERMAN-BRAZIL NUCLEAR PACT DURING THE NEGOTIATING PHASE* AND THE GEISEL VISIT SERVED AS A PEG FOR FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSACTION. DIE WELT WROTE MARCH 8 THAT "NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN BONN AND BRASILIA IS MERELY THE CRITICAL CORE OF FAR-REACHING PARTNERSHIP, WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS EXEMPLARY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," WHILE THE FRANKFURTER ALL-GEMEINE COMMENTING COMMENTED THE SAME DAY THAT THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WAS "A CORRECT PIECE OF 'REALPOLITIK.'"

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3. MANY COMMENTARIES NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE TRAVELING TO BRAZIL LATER THIS MONTH, AND THERE WERE FREQUENT ALLUSIONS TO THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS AMONG THE THREE NATIONS. THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG, WHICH WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE FRG-BRAZIL AGREEMENT, WROTE MARCH 8 THAT "THE BRAZILIAN SIDE OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN PLEASED BY BONN'S ADHERENCE TO THE

NUCLEAR ACCORD EVEN THOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO PREVENT ITS IMPLEMENTATION." DIE WELT COMMENTED: "INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT MAKE FURTHER ILL CONCEIVED MOVES THAT WOULD GIVE RISE TO ILL FEELINGS AGAINST WASHINGTON," ADDING THAT "CARTER CANNOT CURB NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS SINGLE-HANDEDLY WITH MORAL APPEALS WITHOUT OFFERING A PATENT SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEMS FACING BRAZIL."

4. THE NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG (SWISS) COMMENTED MARCH 8 THAT THE FRG WANTED TO PLAY DOWN THE GEISEL VISIT FOR POLITICAL REASONS AS WELL AS FOR FEAR OF DEMONSTRATIONS. "THE GERMAN PROMISE TO SUPPLY BRAZIL SENSITIVE PLANTS LED TO A VIOLENT BONN-WASHINGTON CONTROVERSY, WHICH, EVEN THOUGH TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED, HAS NOT YET RUN ITS FULL COURSE," THE PAPER SAID.
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